GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2358
ANSWERED ON:15.12.2004
OPENING INDIAN MISSIONS ABROAD
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of countries with whom India has diplomatic relations indicating names of the countries which are covered by India through the concurrent accreditation;

(b) the total number and names of the countries which have their Resident Representatives in New Delhi alongwith the names of the countries which have non-Resident Representatives in our country;

(c) whether the Government has made any comprehensive study with regard to the need of opening/closing of missions in some countries;

(d) if so, the details of the study thereof, country-wise; and

(e) the details of factors generally taken into account in order to open a Mission/Consulate/post in a foreign country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a),(b),(c),(d) & (e). A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN ANSWER TO PARTS (a), (b),(c),(d) & (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2358 TO BE ANSWERED ON 15-12-2004 REGARDING 'OPENING INDIAN MISSIONS ABROAD'

(a) The countries where resident Indian Embassies/High Commissions are present and the countries which are covered by India through concurrent accreditation, is given at Annexure-I.

(b) At present, 118 countries have their Resident Representatives in New Delhi; the names of these countries are given at Annexure-II. The names of the countries which have non-Resident Representatives in India are given at Annexure-III.

(c), (d) & (e). The Ministry makes a continuous review on the need for opening/closing resident Indian Missions abroad. The decision to open a resident Indian Mission/Post in a foreign country is taken after an assessment of our interests in the region and the concerned foreign country. The strategic and political aspects, economic and commercial relations, consular requirements, presence of Overseas Indians, as well as the level of bilateral political interaction with the concerned country are taken into account while deciding on opening a resident Mission/Post abroad. The Ministry's human and financial resources constraints are also considered before a decision is taken on opening of new resident Indian Missions.

Similarly, a continuous assessment is made by the Ministry to see whether India's interests − strategic, political, economic and consular or other interests − are served by retaining a resident Mission/Post in a particular country. The decision to close a Mission is taken wherever it is not possible for the Mission to function such as in situations of civil strife, break down of law and order, war-like conditions, etc. At times, financial considerations also play a role in deciding whether it is necessary to maintain a resident Indian Mission. In any of the above circumstances, if a resident Indian Mission is closed, the Ministry uses the concurrent accreditation mechanism to maintain India's interests with that country. Naturally, caution is always exercised while closing the Missions.

For example, after the break up of the erstwhile USSR, it was decided to open resident Indian Missions in Central Asia and other CIS countries. Again, following the collapse of Taliban regime in Afghanistan, the Government re-opened our Mission in Kabul, as also Consulates in Kandahar and Jalalabad, and opened new Consulates in Mazar-e-Sharif, and Herat (Afghanistan). Similarly, new Consulates were opened in Mandalay (Myanmar) and Birgunj (Nepal) during the last two years.

Based on a detailed assessment, two Indian Missions in Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso) and Valetta (Malta) were closed during 2001-02.

ANNEXURE - I

LIST OF COUNTRIES WHERE RESIDENT INDIAN EMBASSIES/HIGH COMMISSIONS ARE PRESENT

EMBASSIES OF INDIA HIGH COMMISSIONS OF INDIA

S.No. Countries S.No. Countries S.No. Countries

1. Afghanistan 45. Libya 86. Australia

2. Algeria 46. Madagascar 87. Bangladesh

3. Angola 47. Mexico 88. Botswana

4. Argentina 48. Mongolia 89. Brunei Darussalam

5. Armenia 49. Morocco 90. Canada
6. Austria 50. Myanmar 91. Cyprus

7 Azerbaijan 51. Nepal 92. Fiji

8. Bahrain 52. Netherlands 93. Ghana

9. Belarus 53. Norway 94. Guyana
10. Belgium 54. Oman 95. Jamaica
11. Bhutan 55. Panama 96. Kenya
12. Brazil 56. Peru 97. Malaysia
13. Bulgaria 57. Philippines 98. Maldives
14. Cambodia 58. Poland 99. Mauritius
15. Chile 59. Portugal 100. Mozambique
16. China 60. Qatar 101. Namibia
17. Colombia 61. Romania 102. New Zealand
18. Cote D'Ivoire 62. Russian Fed. 103. Nigeria
19. Croatia 63. Saudi Arabia 104. Pakistan
20. Cuba 64. Senegal 105. Papua New Guinea
21. Czech Republic 65. Serbia & Montenegro 106. Seychelles
22. Denmark 66. Slovak Rep. 107. Singapore
23. Egypt 67. Spain 108. South Africa
24. Ethiopia 68. Sudan 109. Sri Lanka
25. Finland 69. Suriname 110. Tanzania
26. France 70. Sweden 111. Trinidad & Tobago
27. Germany 71. Switzerland 112. Uganda
28. Greece 72. Syria 113. U.K.
29. Hungary 73. Tajikistan 114. Zambia
30. Indonesia 74. Thailand
31. Iran 75. Tunisia
32. Iraq 76. Turkey
33. Ireland 77. Turkmenistan
34. Israel 78. U.A.E.
35. Italy 79. U.S.A.
36. Japan 80. Ukraine
37. Jordan 81. Uzbekistan
38. Kazakhstan 82. Venezuela
39. Korea (North) 83. Vietnam
40. Korea (South) 84. Yemen
41. Kuwait 85. Zimbabwe
42. Kyrgyzstan
43. Laos
44. Lebanon

Names of the Countries which do not have Resident Indian Missions/Posts but are Concurrently Accredited to a Neighbouring Resident Indian Mission

S.No. Name of Country Indian Mission to which the country is concurrently accredited

1. Albania Embassy of India, Bucharest (Romania)

2. Andorra Embassy of India, Madrid (Spain)

3. Anguilla $$ High Commission of India, Georgetown (Guyana)

4. Antigua and Barbuda High Commission of India, Georgetown (Guyana)

5. Aruba $$ Embassy of India, Caracas (Venezuela)
6. Bahamas Embassy of India, Washington (USA)

7 Barbados Embassy of India, Paramaribo (Surinam)

8. Belize Embassy of India, Mexico City (Mexico)

9. Benin High Commission of India, Lagos (Nigeria)
10. Bolivia Embassy of India, Lima (Peru)
11. Bosnia and Herzegovina Embassy of India, Budapest (Hungry)
12. Burkina Faso High Commission of India, Accra (Ghana)
13. Burundi High Commission of India, Kampala (Uganda)
14. Cameroon High Commission of India, Lagos (Nigeria)
15. Cayman Island $$ High Commission of India, Kingston (Jamaica)
16. Cape Verde Embassy of India, Dakar (Senegal)
17. Central African Republic High Commission of India, Accra (Ghana)
18. Chad High Commission of India, Lagos (Nigeria)
19. Comoros Embassy of India, Antananarivo (Madagascar)
20. Congo-Dem Republic of High Commission of India, Nairobi (Kenya)
21. Congo- Republic of Embassy of India, Luanda (Angola)
22. Costa Rica Embassy of India, Bogota (Colombia)
23. Cook Island $$ High Commission of India, Suva (Fiji)
24. Djibouti Embassy of India, Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)
25. Dominica High Commission of India, Port of Spain (Trinidad and Tobago
26. Dominican Republic High Commission of India, Kingston (Jamaica)
27. Ecuador Embassy of India, BogotÃ¡ (Colombia)
28. El Salvador Embassy of India, Panama (Panama)
29. Equatorial Guinea Embassy of India, Luanda (Angola)
30. Eritrea High Commission of India, Nairobi (Kenya)
31. Estonia Embassy of India, Helsinki (Finland)
32. Gabon Embassy of India, Luanda (Angola)
33. Gambia Embassy of India, Dakar (Senegal)
34. Georgia Embassy of India, Yerevan (Armenia)
35. Grenada High Commission of India, Port of Spain (Trinidad and Tobago)
36. Guatemala Embassy of India, Mexico City (Mexico)
37. Guinea Embassy of India, Abidjan {Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)}
38. Guinea Bissau Embassy of India, Dakar (Senegal)
39. Haiti High Commission of India, Kingston (Jamaica)
40. Honduras Embassy of India, Mexico City (Mexico)
41. Iceland Embassy of India, Oslo (Norway)
42. Holy See $$ Embassy of India, Berne (Switzerland)
43. Kiribati High Commission of India, Wellington (New Zealand)
44. Latvia Embassy of India, Stockholm (Sweden)
45. Lesotho High Commission of India, Pretoria (South Africa)
46. Liberia Embassy of India, Abidjan {Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)}
47. Liechtenstein Embassy of India, Berne (Switzerland)
48. Lithuania Embassy of India, Minsk (Belarus)
49. Luxembourg Embassy of India, Brussels (Belgium)
50. Macedonia Embassy of India, Sofia (Bulgaria)
51. Malawi High Commission of India, Lusaka (Zambia)
52. Mali Embassy of India, Dakar (Senegal)
53. Malta Embassy of India, Tripoli (Libya)
54. Marshall Island Embassy of India, Manila (Philippines)
55. Mauritania Embassy of India, Dakar (Senegal)
56. Micronesia Embassy of India, Tokyo, Japan
57. Montserrat $$ High Commission of India, Port of Spain (Trinidad and Tobago)
58. Moldova Embassy of India, Bucharest (Romania)
59. Nauru High Commission of India, Wellington (New Zealand)
60. Netherlands Antilles Embassy of India, Caracas (Venezuela)
61. Nicaragua Embassy of India, Panama (Panama)
62. Niger High Commission of India, Accra (Ghana)
63. Palau Embassy of India, Manila (Philippines)
64. Paraguay Embassy of India, Buenos Aires (Argentina)
65. Rwanda High Commission of India, Kampala (Uganda)
66. Saint Kitts and Nevis High Commission of India, Port of Spain (Trinidad & Tobago)
67. Saint Lucia Embassy of India, Paramaribo (Suriname)
68. St. Vincent and the Grenadines Embassy of India, Paramaribo (Suriname)
69. Samoa High Commission of India, Wellington (New Zealand)
70. San Marino Embassy of India, Rome (Italy)
71. Sao Tome and Principe Embassy of India, Luanda (Angola)
72. Sierra Leon Embassy of India, Abidjan {Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)}
73. Slovenia Embassy of India, Vienna (Austria)
74. Solomon Islands High Commission of India, Port Moresby (Papua New Guinea)
75. Swaziland High Commission of India, Maputo (Mozambique)
76. Timor Leste Embassy of India, Jakarta (Indonesia)

77. Togo High Commission of India, Accra (Ghana)
78. Tonga High Commission of India, Suva (Fiji)
79. Tuvalu High Commission of India, Suva (Fiji)
80. Turks and Caicos Island $$ High Commission of India, Kingston (Jamaica)
81. Uruguay Embassy of India, Buenos Aires (Argentina)
82. Vanuatu High Commission of India, Port Moresby (Papua New Guinea)

[$$ = Countries which are not UN members.]

ANNEXURE - II

Countries which have Resident Representatives in New Delhi

S.No. Country S.No. Country S.No. Country

1 Afghanistan 2 Algeria 3 Angola
4 Argentina 5 Armenia 6 Australia
7 Austria 8 Azerbaijan 9 Bangladesh
10 Bahrain (In Mumbai)- CG 11 Belarus 12 Belgium
13 Bhutan 14 Bosnia & Herzegovina 15 Brazil
16 Brunei Darussalam 17 Bulgaria 18 Burkina Faso
19 Cambodia 20 Canada 21 Chile
22 China 23 Colombia 24 Congo
25 Croatia 26 Cuba 27 Cyprus
28 Czech 29 Denmark 30 Djibouti (Mumbai)-CG
31 Egypt 32 Eritrea 33 Ethiopia
34 Fiji 35 Finland 36 France
37 Germany 38 Ghana 39 Greece
40 Guyana 41 Holy See 42 Hungary
43 Indonesia 44 Iran 45 Iraq
46 Ireland 47 Israel 48 Italy
49 Japan 50 Jordan 51 Kazakhstan
52 Kenya 53 Korea - DPR 54 Korea - ROK
55 Kuwait 56 Kyrgystan 57 Lao PDR
58 Lebanon 59 Libya 60 Luxembourg
61 Malaysia 62 Maldives 63 Mauritius
64 Mexico 65 Mongolia 66 Morocco
67 Mozambique 68 Myanmar 69 Namibia
70 Nepal 71 Netherlands 72 New Zealand
73 Nigeria 74 Norway 75 Oman
76 Pakistan 77 Palestine 78 Panama
79 Peru 80 Philippines 81 Poland
82 Portugal 83 Qatar 84 Romania
85 Russian Federation 86 Rwanda 87 Saudi Arabia
88 Senegal 89 Serbia & Montenegro 90 Singapore
91 Slovakia 92 Slovenia 93 Somalia
94 South Africa 95 Spain 96 Sri Lanka
97 Sudan 98 Suriname 99 Syria
100 Tajikistan 101 Tanzania 102 Thailand
103 Trinidad & Tobago 104 Tunisia 105 Turkey
106 Turkmenistan 107 Uganda 108 Ukraine
109 United Arab Emirates 110 United Kingdom 111 United States of America
112 Uruguay 113 Uzbekistan 114 Venezuela
115 Vietnam 116 Yemen 117 Zambia
118 Zimbabwe

ANNEXURE - III

COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE NON-RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES IN INDIA

S.No. Country Station

1. Albania Cairo

2. Antigua & Barbuda New York

3. Benin Beijing

4. Bolivia New York

5. Botswana Tokyo
6. Republic of Congo Beijing

7 Djibouti Tokyo

8. El Salvador London

9. Equatorial Guinea Beijing
10. Gabon Tokyo
11. Guinea Moscow
12. Iceland London
13. Cote D'Ivoire Moscow
14. Jamaica Ottawa
15. Lesotho Beijing
16. Madagascar Mauritius
17. Malawi Nairobi
18. Malta Malta
19. Micronesia Tokyo
20. Nicaragua Panama
21. Niger Moscow
22. Papua New Guinea Kuala Lumpur
23. Seychelles Kuala Lumpur
24. Sierra Leone Tehran
25. Swaziland Kuala Lumpur